

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Zanzibar

a. Zanzibar has for all practical purposes become the first African Communist state. Pro-Communists hold all key government posts in the wake of yesterday's cabinet shuffle.

b. The former ministers of finance and education--both moderates--have been assigned to Washington and London, with Communist sympathizers as their deputies.

c. There is, however, no sign that any confrontation between Karume and the Communists is imminent.

d. He has appeared indifferent to their maneuvers and decrees, which continue to be disguised as Black African socialism.

e. Karume also seems pleased with the treatment he is getting from the Soviets.

there are fifty Soviet military advisers now on the island who will shortly begin training the nucleus of an army for Zanzibar.

f. He was probably exaggerating. However our charge has a reliable report that ten Russians who arrived aboard the Soviet ship Faizabad remained after it departed.

2. Gabon

a. President Mba is still courting trouble.

b. He is getting more confident and intransigent as the elections scheduled for 12 April approach and will probably feel free to use repressive and brutal measures to stay in power.

c. The President is getting support from private French interests in Gabon, who are well connected in Paris. This may be part of the reason why Paris has not pressed Mba to be more conciliatory.

d. There is considerable worry in Libreville that the President's principal political opponent, Jean Aubame, now in prison, will be executed or murdered before the elections.

e. This would probably trigger new anti-government and anti-French disturbances.

3. Cyprus

a. The UN peacekeeping force will become operational tomorrow when General Gyani takes command of the British and Canadian contingents. Tuomioja expects to arrive by the middle of next week.

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b. Makarios is still objecting to U Thant's including the 950 Greek and 650 Turkish troops now in Cyprus in the peacekeeping force.

c. It now seems clear that a new "political tendency" is gaining strength among the Greek Cypriots. It combines in varying propositions opposition to Makarios, opposition to Communism, support for the return of EOKA hero Grivas, and support for enosis.

d. Minister of Interior Georkadjis, who probably has more control over the Greek irregulars on the island than anyone else, is pushing this line. Grivas himself is more than willing, and we think Athens could be persuaded. Ankara is another question.

e. In Istanbul the Greek Consul General has confirmed the deportation of three Greek businessmen under provisions of a 1932 law restricting certain professions to the Turks.

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[redacted] Consul says every Greek in Istanbul is worried that he will be next.

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4. Brazil

a. The tensions generated by President Goulart's latest drive for "basic reforms" have abated somewhat as Brazilians turn their attention to Holy week.

b. Goulart is still under pressure from his supporters to maintain the momentum of his campaign. There is a possibility he may bring some "reformists" into the cabinet or push reform by additional executive decree, as his chances of lining up enough congressional votes for his program are doubtful.

c. Lacerda and other conservative leaders are planning more demonstrations in "defense of the constitution and congress" [redacted] [redacted]

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d. The governors of three other important states also have taken a strong stand against Goulart's efforts to browbeat the congress.

5. British Guiana

a. The pro-Jagan union seems to be losing its fight to gain control of the sugar workers.

b. Its seven-week old strike is continuing but more and more workers are drifting back to work and violence has abated.

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c. Officials of the anti-Jagan union are no longer quite so worried that withdrawals from their union would reach the point where sugar producers would have to recognize Jagan's outfit as sole bargaining agent for the sugar workers.

6. South Korea

a. Student demonstrations are continuing. They spread yesterday from Seoul to the provinces and reports from Seoul say the students are out again in the streets this morning.

b. Opposition party leaders are promoting the demonstrations in hopes of creating a situation which will lead to the overthrow of Pak's government.

c. Their aim is to bring the situation to a point where the students will be joined by the general populace and by any discontented military elements.

d. In similar circumstances in 1960, the army refused to fire on the students to save the Rhee regime.

e. Some Korean troops have been released from their UN assignment to provide additional security forces for the government.

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f. The North Koreans, who recognize a good thing when they see it, are holding mass rallies in various cities in support of the demonstrations in the south.

NOTES

- A. South Vietnam The public trial of Diems' brother, Ngo Dinh Can and Phan Quang Dong, a political cohort of Can's, was scheduled to begin this morning in Hue. Our consulate there believes that if it comes off, the trial will generate considerable excitement. The biggest danger will be the reopening of religious sores between Catholics and Buddhists.

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- D. France-USSR Khrushchev's son-in-law, Alexei Adzhubei, is due to visit France shortly as a guest of the France-USSR association. The French say that so far he has not requested any interviews with government officials. However, we doubt Adzhubei would pass up the chance of a chat with De Gaulle. Meanwhile Edgar Faure, whose visit to the USSR was postponed at the beginning of March, is reported to be repacking his suitcase.

- E. Libya Prime Minister Muntassir feels that negotiations for the removal of western bases should start within one month. Muntassir says he believes a phaseout of two or three years would be reasonable, but we think it likely the Libyan government will press in the negotiations for evacuation at an earlier date.

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- F. UAR The virulence of Nasir's clandestine radio attacks on the US and the UK has noticeably increased in the past few weeks. The tone of these broadcasts appears stronger than anything we have heard in several years. In addition to attacks on the west for exploiting Arab oil resources and for support of Israel, some commentaries have made vicious personal attacks on Western leaders.
- G. UAR Nasir's reshuffle of his cabinet has brought forward a number of very able men and should improve the efficiency of his government. We do not see any change in UAR policies as a result, however.
- H. Burma The leader of the Buddhist opposition movement is continuing his bitter attacks on the leftist policies of the Ne Win regime. In a recent speech in Mandalay he claimed that the US Seventh Fleet was co-operating with exiled Burmese counter-revolutionaries and would soon come to Burma's rescue. 50X1
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- I. Japan Embassy Tokyo reports that the stabbing of Ambassador Reischauer has given the nation a real shock and that the regret of the Japanese people is nationwide. The Embassy thinks the incident will have the effect of making Japanese-American relations even closer.